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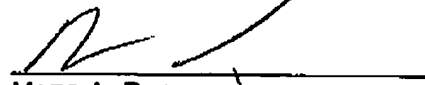
Claims 1-34 remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Claims 1-7, 11-18, and 22-34 have been amended to improve their readability and form, and to overcome the § 112 and § 101 rejections. Specifically, claims 1-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, because the examiner believes that the specification does not disclose displaying confidential/non-confidential image data itself. Applicant submits that the language —additional information for the image data— now recited in the claims obviates this rejection. Claims 23-34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the examiner believes that "a storage medium" inadequately describes that it is computer readable. Although applicant traverses this rejection, the preamble of these claims has been amended as —A computer readable medium ...—. Claim 34 has been amended to differentiate from claim 24. All other changes to the claims relate to improving their form and readability. In particular, "data" in general has been associated with a singular verb "is" for clarity. See the note usage in the attached printout from the webpage <http://dictionary.reference.com/search?q=data>.

Applicant submits that claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicant urges the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

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da-ta [Pronunciation Key](#) (dā'tə, dāt'ə, dā'tə)
pl.n. (used with a sing. or pl. verb)

1. Factual information, especially information organized for analysis or used to reason or make decisions.
2. *Computer Science*. Numerical or other information represented in a form suitable for processing by computer.
3. Values derived from scientific experiments.
4. Plural of *datum*.

[Latin, pl. of *datum*. See *datum*.]

Usage Note: The word *data* is the plural of Latin *datum*, "something given," but it is not always treated as a plural noun in English. The plural usage is still common, as this headline from the *New York Times* attests: "*Data Are Elusive on the Homeless.*" Sometimes scientists think of *data* as plural, as in *These data do not support the conclusions*. But more often scientists and researchers think of *data* as a singular mass entity like information, and most people now follow this in general usage. Sixty percent of the Usage Panel accepts the use of *data* with a singular verb and pronoun in the sentence *Once the data is in, we can begin to analyze it*. A still larger number, 77 percent, accepts the sentence *We have very little data on the efficacy of such programs*, where the quantifier *very little*, which is not used with similar plural nouns such as *facts* and *results*, implies that *data* here is indeed singular.

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